

MINUTES
N.H. Building Code Review Board
June 13, 2003

Attendance:

Tyler Carlisle, PE, Board of Engineers, Licensed Electrical Engineer
Robert Longchamps, N.H. Electrical Contractors Business Assoc., Licensed Master Electrician
Jerry Tepe, Board of Architects, Licensed Architect
Tedd Evans, Board of Licensing and Regulation of Plumbers, Licensed Master Plumber
Richard Swain, NH Plumbers & Mechanical Contractors Association
Wes Golomb, State Energy Conservation Code office
William Smagula, PE, Board of Engineers, Licensed Mechanical Engineer
Ray Cowen, PE, Board of Engineers, Licensed Structural Engineer
Ken Andrews, NH Building Officials Assoc., municipal building official
Michael Santa, Governor's Commission on Disability
Chief Thomas Lambert, NH Assoc. of Fire Chiefs

With a quorum present, acting Chairman Andrews called the meeting to order. Proper posting of the notice of the meeting was noted.

Acting Chairman Andrews noted, for the record, that there were no members of Staff present, nor were there any representatives from the various departments that had items on the Agenda. Tyler Carlisle stated that there should be no actions taken on items that required discussion by "others". The consensus of the Board was to agree. It was further noted that the recording equipment would not be utilized, as there were no "tapes" made available.

Due to lack of representation for certain Agenda items, Jerry Tepe made a **Motion** to Table items, shown as the second, third and forth "bullets" under item number 3. **Seconded** by Wes Golomb. **Passed** unanimously. Tyler Carlisle made a Motion to table items shown as the first, second and third "bullets" under item number 4. **Seconded** by Rick Swain. **Passed** unanimously.

Adoption of Minutes from 5/9/03 meeting:

Motion by Jerry Tepe to approve minutes as written – titled CORRECTED – **Seconded** by Ray Cowen. **Motion** passed unanimously.

Old Business:

Acting Chairman Andrews, deferred explanation of the sub-committee work on "Codes & Standards References" to members of the sub-committee. Bill Smagula explained the document entitled "Guidance Document - Codes and Standards References – New Hampshire Building Code Review Board "... This Document was submitted and marked as – Exhibit # 8.. General discussion ensued regarding the content and intent of the document. It was noted, that the document is not intended as a "Code Change" but rather a reference for users. Jerry Tepe noted that the difference in the references created some confusion. He stated that he would like to see the International Fuel Gas Code be referred to the State Fire Code – only ... this was agreed upon by the Board. It was also noted that the follow up to the International Property Maintenance Code should be – "Not included in the State Building Code". This was also agreed upon. There was also a discussion regarding the section relating to "standards". It was agreed to add the following wording to the paragraph... beginning in the first sentence after the words" ... Standard printed in the... " Remove the word Code and replace it with "Referenced Standards Chapters of the Codes". There was discussion about the status of the International Residential Code – IRC.. Tedd Evans reminded the Board that the Plumbing Code – most recent printing, specifically refers to the IRC ... It was decided, because of the way the law was passed that there probably should be an Amendment to the State Plumbing Code, simply removing the reference to the IRC. Ray Cowen stated that not all standards are contained in

the Chapters – i.e. the new snow load table --- It was agreed that, in fact, the new snow load chart is not a standard but was accepted as a “tool” or acceptable guide, but not a “standard” as defined in the Codes.

New Business:

The only item that was not tabled under this item had already been discussed. No further new business.

Other Business:

Tedd Evans wanted the Board to address the fact that the Web Site has not been updated and that the “Amendments to the State Plumbing Code” do not appear on the Site. General discussion ensued regarding the need to maintain in a current and updated state all of the information contained on the Site.

Mike Santa opened discussion on the status of the new Height and Area Tables, as there is a situation in Nashua where the City adopted the IBC –unamended – prior to the state revision. It was the general understanding that everyone needs to comply with the State Code. General discussion was had regarding Appeals and processes to accomplish them.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:12 AM